

# ARC CHASER

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222 S. Downey Ave. 8:00 P. M.

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MEETING: September 14th, 1979

Vacation Slides, if any. Also a film titled I. C. A. Shrinking World, A very interesting and informative film on the advances in Technology of Integrated Circuits. A Bell Telephone Co. Film.

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Summer Activity Review Hello again! Hope you had a good vacation and are rested up and ready to enjoy a full season of Hamming during the months to come. The pre-vacation programs in June went off very well, starting with the Homebrew night on June 8th. Although we had to wait in a torrential rain while a previous scheduled meeting was concluded. There were a number of unexpected entries in the contest. Some rather clever devices, including a 2 meter antenna built in the shape of a miniature tower, as well as a more usual transmatches, keyers, and other ham gear. The Winners: In the Advanced Class: Jim Buchanon, WD9GHJ, Jerry Lucas W9BS, In the Novice Class: Charles Monnier, WD9HVS, Tim Payne, KA9DGF. However as usual, there was a prize for more than half of the entries, including a new License Manual donated by Graham Electronics and a mixture of parts from Jerry Lucas, W9BS. Louie Linthecome, K9EAT won a special prize for a beautiful plaque which he made for his station wall displaying his call and emblems-- very attractively.

On Friday June 22nd., the always popular auction night brought a good crowd of thirty people. The bidding was lively and a lot of parts changed from one junk box to another junk box in a different QTH, hopefully to reappear as a useful peice of ham gear next year. I don't believe that I ever saw so many TV sets on the auction as showed up that night. The total amount taken in by the club was \$84.07, the cahsier, W9AI had to work well past closing time to settle up with all the participants.

LOOKING All summer long your editor went to the mail box hoping to find cards from vacationing club members, but no such luck. Maybe everyone was feeling the pinch of the lack of the Arabian Joy Juice" and no one went on vacation this year. I am sure that by next meeting night some will have a few tall tales of working exotic DX. The fifteen meter band has been open to Europe and Asia many times this summer and for those who got up early even Australia and New Zealand. Even the eleven meter band had its share of band openings also. So you didn't have to go out of town to get out of town, if you know what I mean.

FIELD DAY Another Field Day has passed, but Bruce Woodward, W9UMH kept things stirred up enough to make this one a little more than just another date on the calender. There was a nice turnout of club members listing as furnished by Bruce, were : Jerry Lucas, W9BS, Hal Trosper, W9NGS, Mel Eberhart, WB9WRC, Don Dewar, WB9ZOR, Bob Post, WD9BGO, Eart Bessinger, W9GFA. If someone's name has been left off this list don't call the editor, It will just tie up his phone, call Bruce and give him what for, While talking to Bruve, you can sign up to take part in the next Set of exercises in October.



HAMFEST Another successful hamfest is now history, This year's effort turned out unusually good, including a break in the weather, but if you want to complain about anything, your chance is coming, there will be a Financial Report and Wrapup meeting at the Indianapolis Zoo on Sept. 19th. at 7:30 PM. Everyone interested in the welfare of the Indianapolis Hamfest is invited to come and bring their comments and suggestions for improvements. Winners of the top four prizes were as follows: James Auxier, Muncie, Ind. Doug Purcell, Crawfordsville Ind. WB9RDG, Wendell Jewett, WIUCL and Matt Wells Wb9ZQR, Portland, Ind.

FLOOD EMERGENCY Emergencies are always with us. When we got the snow out of our extra clothes and antennas, the call comes to assist the Red Cross in the communications with the flooded areas in southern Indiana. Many of the members of our club answered this call and the Red Cross radio station was operated almost continuously for about 72 hours. Through most of the bad weather, nets and amateurs all over the state kept alert and ready. Indpls was fortunate in that only a small portion of the damaging forces actually struck here, but it may come yet, so being prepared is certainly the thing!

NEWS ITEM OF INTEREST A different type of electronic activity has had a success in the Indpls area. For those who follow Tom Keating's column in the Indpls Star, you probably learned that a local ham was involved with an electronic device that plays Backgammon. In fact it plays so well it beat the champion in an exhibition at Monte Carlo for a \$5000 prize. The local amateur was Mike Cox, AB9V, The promoter of the whole deal was another local man Kim Brand, who raised the money etc. The program was worked out by Dr. Hans Berliner of Carnegie-Melon University and the professional Backgammon consultant was Paul Magriel who at the time was World Champ. Between these men, the entire scheme was brought to a successful completion. The whole device will be made and marketed by Intelligence Systems Limited. The price \$2500.

PERSONAL ITEMS We were sorry to hear of the passing of Joe Chasey W9EIV in July. Joe was not an attendance too often at meetings recently, but is well remembered by the Oldtimers.

Willard Walsh, AA9T had to go to St Francis Hosp, but is up and around again and we hope as active in ham radio as before.

Another old timer and friend of the IRC is Til Kinser, WA9OLM in the hosp with a heart attack and is having to take it pretty easy, Til monitored the Columbus repeater and frequently talked to Indpls Hams on 2 meters. He is very active on the traffic nets, when possible.

Our most sincere sympathy went to Alvey Pittman, W9EL, when we read that Mrs. Pittman had passed away on August 19th. Mrs Pittman was long associated with the Club thru Alvey and we hope that recovery from this unexpected loss will be as easy as possible for Alvey.

COMMITTEE Getting an early start on the coming election of officers for 1980, the Pres will appoint a nominating Committee of three members at the October 12th meeting

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SEPTEMBER 28th MEETING Burnham Hall 8:00 PM.

Tony Piccolo W9GCJ our IRC member from Sunny Italia---Radio Freq Filters. Tony is with the Texscan Co. and he will describe the making, tuning and adjusting of RF Filters, operating in to 3 and 4000 MHz. He will demonstrate some of the techniques used. **DON'T MISS THIS MEETING.**

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